NBC NEWS Live Coverage of The Assassination of President Kennedy Part 5 (5:30 P.M - 6:30 P.M)

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From The Afternoon of Friday November 22nd 1963,NBC News Coverage of The Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

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buttons motorcade actually had passed as far as where as far as we understand had passed a thickly populated area where there had been great crowds of people lining the street and gotten into a relatively thinly populated area was moving along at a rather brisk pace along a freeway in Dallas Texas heading toward a Market area where he was scheduled to make a speech so there were not in fact a great many of people at this at this line of the motorcade so each person there could see quite well what happened one of those present was a the Dallas man who had his five year old son with him and he was approached by newsmen in Dallas shortly after the shooting and gave a an emotional accounting of what he had seen that the persons witnessed the shooting in Dallas just after the noon hour we have films of eyewitness reports coming up is a statement by Charles Brandt who was on the sidewalk and saw the shoot unfortunately I was probably 15 to 20 feet away from the president when it happened well it's exactly what you thought there happened he was coming down the street and my five year old boy and myself were by ourselves on the grass there on Commerce Street then I asked Joe to wave form and Joe waved and I waved in the Mitch I meant all right sir he was waving back he was he was the shot rang out and he swung out of the seat and his wife reached up toward him and he did he was slumping down and the second shot went off the land just knocked and bounced me from the seat who shot two shots did you see the man who did the no sir I did not see the man who did it behind ice all right all I did was look in the man's face when he was shot there and saw that expression on his face and grabbed self and flied and the second one whenever it went Y and positive it hit him I hope it didn't but

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positive it hit him I hope it didn't but I'm positive and it hit him in it and he went all the way down in the car then they speeded up and I didn't know what was going on so I just grabbed the boy and fell on him I hope so there wasn't a maniac garage hill we have a few additional details on what took place aboard the Air Force jet at the was still at the airport in Dallas for the swearing-in of President Johnson he of course had been sped away from the hospital where President Kennedy had died just moments before when he left we did not know where he was going or the route that he would take to get there security officials said later that this was for security reasons when he arrived at the plane he was in fact president of the United States but he had not been sworn in and the judge had been taken to the field to perform this ceremony however President Johnson decided to delay the ceremony until mrs. Kennedy who was still at the hospital could arrive back at the plane when she did arrive the ceremony was staged in the in the executive lounge of the airplane and President Johnson with his right hand raised in his left hand on a small Bible that had been provided for the ceremony took the oath of office as president of the United States standing on his right was his wife Lady Bird Johnson and on his left what can only be described as a stunned and grief-stricken mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy immediately the ceremony was over the Dallas Police Chief J curry who had driven with the president Johnson to the airport turned to the first lady and said the whole nation mourns your husband

but god bless you little lady you ought to go back and lie down mrs. Kennedy said no thanks I'm fine and stayed where she was for a moment but a few moments later she did go to another part of the airplane the compartment containing the body of the president which was in the casket and the reports are that she spent most of the return flight there along with the body of her husband this is the announced order given from the White House this evening the plane is doing in roughly a half

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the plane is doing in roughly a half hour so about 6:05 at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington carrying President Johnson and the body of President Kennedy at 10:00 tomorrow morning in the East Room of the White House the president's family will go in to view the body at 11 o'clock President Johnson Speaker of the House McCormack and members of the executive branch who hold presidential appointments at 2:00 tomorrow afternoon members of the Supreme Court and the federal federal judiciary will go into view of the body at 2:30 members of the Senate the House of Representatives the governors of the 50 states and of the territories and at 5:00 tomorrow afternoon the body will be viewed by members of the diplomatic corps there is still no formal word from the White House on when the public will be permitted to view the president's body at the Executive Mansion they are thinking that the body will lie in state at the Capitol later for that purpose possibly Sunday or Monday and still yet to be determined with the family understandably trying to cope with what happened today rather than trying to look forward to arrangements for what must be done in the future there is still no firm word of where final services for the president will take place nor is there yet any decision on where the president will be buried there is of course the tradition of ceremonies in the Capitol burial at Arlington for the president there is also the fact that the president is from Massachusetts that family has exceedingly strong ties to and in the state and it might well be that the president's family will desire that the master requiem mass be said in Boston perhaps by Cardinal Cushing there was an extremely close friend of the Kennedy family and that the president may go to this final resting place in the Kennedy family plot in Massachusetts Frank just to say bill that the family is gathering so to speak presidents younger brother Ted Kennedy Senator

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younger brother Ted Kennedy Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts was as it happened actually presiding over that body this afternoon when he received word of the fascination of his brother in Dallas and he left immediately he was joined by a sister the wife of Sargent Shriver head of the Peace Corps and they flew immediately to Massachusetts to be with the president's mother and father who aren't there the two kennedy children were at the White House at the time we still do not know if they have learned of their father's passing we all Frank in reports they have not they have not fine there was a suggestion earlier that they would leave that for mrs. Kennedy sir and the president's maternal grandmother who is 98 years old and lives in in Massachusetts has not been informed of the passing of her grandson we have some reaction now from from the Soviet Union foreign minister Andrei Gromyko telephone United States ambassador Oh lady Kohler at midnight at the embassy residence in Moscow to express his shock and greatest sympathy to the American people's he told the ambassador official condolences will be conveyed later at the highest level well this obviously was a reference to Soviet premier Khrushchev the people of Russia have been told of the passing of President Kennedy we do not as yet have any formal expression from the Soviet leadership well Paul the sixth in Rome who was visited by President Kennedy shortly after his coronation in Italy earlier this year has made some comment on the passing of the president a report on that now from NBC's correspondent in Rome Irving R Levine Oh Paul the sixth this message to the American people we are profoundly stricken by the tragic and sad news of the assassination of the President of the United States John Fitzgerald can and of the grave wounding of Governor Connally we are profoundly saddened by such a shocking crime by the morning which strikes through its leader a great and civilized country by the sorrow which afflicts mrs. Kennedy her children and all her relatives Mars message

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and all her relatives Mars message continues we deplore with all our heart this event we expressed the hope of the death of this great statesman will not bring damage to the American people but will reinforce their moral and civil fent and strengthen their sentiments of nobility and of faith we pray to God that the sacrifice of John Kennedy will aid the cause promoted by him for the defense of the liberty of peoples and of Peace in the world the Pope's message goes on he was the first Catholic president of the United States we remember to have had the honor of his visit and to have found in him great wisdom and high ideals for the welfare of humanity tomorrow we will offer a Holy Mass for the peace of his soul for the comfort of those who mourn his death and so that not hatred but love will reign among the human race that is the message to the American people when Pope Paul the sixth message from Pope Paul the sixth in Rome relayed by NBC's Rome correspondent Irving R Levine not only was mr. Kennedy the first Catholic president of the United States he was the youngest and his administration which did not fill out its four-year term will perhaps be best remembered by the extremely serious challenge to this country and indeed to the entire Western world represented by the Soviet installation of guided missile from the island of Cuba in October of last year the president's response to that situation won him praise from all the leaders of the Western world in the field of foreign affairs it is perhaps true that history will record this as his most significant achievement in the field of domestic affairs although it's presumptuous to guess about these matters that would certainly seem to his contemporaries that his being confronted with and the reaction of the administration to Negro Drive for equal rights in this country will perhaps be listed as the major challenge to his administration we

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major challenge to his administration we have a reaction also from do you have a hard information villa I do please go ahead I literally do not know Fred you check it over those yeah okay well I know what it is but I don't know if it's hard information it's the last three paragraphs of the speech mr. Kennedy was to deliver this afternoon in Dallas just before he was shot why don't you go ahead and recite them my dear friends and fellow citizens I cite these facts and figures to make it clear that America today is stronger than ever before our adversaries have not abandoned their ambitions our dangers have not diminished our vigilance cannot be relaxed but now we have the military scientific and the economic strength to do whatever must be done for the preservation and promotion of freedom that strength will never be used in pursuit of aggressive ambitions it will always be used in pursuit of peace it will never be used to promote provocations it will always be used to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes we in this country in this generation are by destiny rather than choice the Watchmen on the walls of world freedom we ask therefore that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of peace on earth goodwill toward men that must always be our goal and the righteousness of our cause must always underlie our strength for as was written long ago except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain the last three paragraphs of the speech President Kennedy was on his way to deliver when he was assassinated in Dallas Texas this afternoon right now we would like to remind you again that NBC's regular programs have been canceled for the remainder of this broadcast day we will however remain on the air to bring you

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however remain on the air to bring you all developments as promptly as we receive them in the wake of the assassination of our president now we pause for station identification as I started to say a moment ago we have this reaction from Sir Winston Churchill of wartime leader of the United Kingdom he said tonight that the assassination of President Kennedy is a monstrous Act which has taken from us a great statesman and the wise and valiant man a World War two leader who will be 89 years old on the 30th of November issued a statement from his London residence after listening to television accounts of the president's death the loss to the United States and to the world is incalculable Sir Winston declared those who came or those who come after mr. Kennedy must strive the more to achieve the ideals of world peace and human happiness and dignity to which his presidency was dedicated a spokesman for Sir Winston said he and lady Churchill set up past 10 p.m. to keep in touch with developments over television which is finally an hour foreign gentlemen of his age we also have reaction from New Jersey's Governor Hughes I believe this is voice only is that correct

I believe that's correct we would like you to hear now in the comments of New Jersey Governor Hughes on the passing of President Kennedy I share with my countrymen today a shock and grief which defies description a young and fearless American has died in the service of his country even as many years ago his body absorbed the wounds of battle in the name of freedom now John Kennedy belongs to history and his courageous spirit joins the fellowship of those who never flinched in the doing of right and in the search for justice may God bless him and his family and the America he loves so deeply to President Johnson now assuming

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deeply to President Johnson now assuming the burdens of an office on which rest the hopes of all humanity or the prayers and dedication of every one of us Richard J Hughes governor of New Jersey and his reaction for theme to the death of President Kennedy to remind you a plane bringing President Johnson who has been back to Washington and transporting also the body of the late President John F Kennedy is should be nearing Washington now as a matter of fact it is scheduled to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base which is just outside the nation's capital at five minutes past 6:00 Eastern Standard Time this evening which is a matter of some 15 or 20 minutes NBC has a mobile unit there it is our thought that we will bring you pictures from the scene as the plane comes in to make its landing we have been advised that President Johnson will have some remarks to make at the airport and that later in the evening he will meet with Democratic leaders of Congress at the White House bill there is some additional background on this suspect who has been picked up in Dallas Frank Dallas police official captain Ganaway said the suspect Lee Oswald being questioned both in the shooting of the Dallas policeman who was fatally injured and in the killing of the president according to a man from the Cuban student directory in New Orleans this man Oswald was in New Orleans two months ago as the chairman of a pro-castro fair play for Cuba committee Oswald and several Cubans were arrested two months ago in New Orleans for passing out allegedly pro-communist literature a member of the information Council of the Americas Edward Butler said he and Oswald once debated communism he said that Oswald had renounced US citizenship went to the Soviet Union to marry a Russian what we know about this man aside from this political background is this but he was in a gunfight with two dallas policemen this afternoon when he allegedly killed one of them but the

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allegedly killed one of them but the other captured him that at the time he was captured he said something like it's all over now and excuse me it has also said that he was employed in the building from which the bullet that killed President Kennedy was fired there was found in the building a rifle a high-powered rifle with a telescopic sight on it and remnants of some chicken near a fifth-floor window people who were in the motorcade saw a rifle being withdrawn from that window and it is the supposition that whoever killed the president staked himself out as a sniper provided himself with food and just sat there waiting for the motorcade to pass by at the time the motorcade came into rifle view of the building if that is the term we are told by NBC's Robert McNeil who was in the motorcade that it was traveling at about 10 to 15 miles an hour moving fairly slowly it was only about a hundred yards from the president's car to the building with a telescopic sight and how high-powered rifle that is very little distance Frank of just glancing at some of the pictures that we have available to us here or that we are lining up for whatever conceivable use that we might be able to put them to and we see so many pictures made of our President Kennedy and and the first lady mrs. Kennedy in the early stages of their their trip in Texas of course they're both young one of the things that made him extremely attractive to a great many Americans and others around the world and very much alive and they seemed to be enjoying the trip in Texas enormous lame mrs. Kennedy we are told this was really her first watch it was a all-out effort to become a political campaigner the indications were that their campaign plans for 1964 called for her to play a quite a prominent role she was active in the president's first campaign as much as she could she was removed from that arena quite early so that she might

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arena quite early so that she might bring them there their second child the boy John's and these are this is a picture now as a matter of fact made of them earlier both in profiles she's smiling the president looking straight ahead and by all accounts she was enjoying herself this first real exposure to to campaigning and of course the day resolved itself so tragically for her that the information that we have is that she conducted herself in absolutely impeccable fashion for for the circumstances that she was succour sitting with the president when when the bullet struck him he exclaimed my god he's hit she dropped at the bottom of the seat a little it's a jump card has jump seat has quite an aerial foot room legroom and fun president's body slumped down there and she is she fell down over him and she accompanied him to the hospital she helped to take his body from the car and place it on a stretcher which carried it into the emergency section of the hospital and a bouquet of yellow roses which he presented to her upon her arrival at the airport in Dallas was still on the back seat of the car which by this time of course bore the blood stains that she went in the hospital and that when she was at formed with the president's death that there was no hysterics that she that she bore up remarkably well under these staggering circumstances her whereabouts at this precise moment but we suppose she's on the plane with with the president's body returning to Washington she was present at the swearing-in of President Lyndon Johnson along with thee with a new First Lady of the United States mrs. ladybird Johnson so what had set out to be quite a new experience for her and something that she might might enjoy considerably has turned into to the utmost tragedy this is a picture of President Kennedy shaking hands with well-wishers on his on his arrival in Texas and in the background if you could make it out with the little black pillbox hat in the hair falling over her right eye and her

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falling over her right eye and her handed her waist as a beaming mrs. Kennedy I would guess that would be in the air force base where they flew in today Mike Jill of Fort Worth there is this report we are going back over material you may have heard before then again you may not but it was said by doctors at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas who were in the emergency room where the president was brought we never had any hope of saving his life it is also reported by a New York Times reporter that the priest who administered the last rites of the Catholic Church to President Kennedy said that the president was already dead when he the priest arrived in the hospital very Reverend Oskar Huber said he had to draw back a sheet that was covering the president's face so he could begin administering the sacrament of extreme unction this indicates I think again the intense power of the weapon used there is more here now on the man who may have done it Lee Oswald one police official the head of the Dallas homicide division will Fritz says that Oswald has not admitted anything yet but he looks like a good suspect that is all we have there are many circumstantial things that would seem to link the man to it but we do not yet have anything definitive thank you I think we might note that when the news was first received that the president had been wounded the story's noted that Texas is the seat of the some strong sentiment toward the conservative side of the political spectrum and there was perhaps an assumption on the part of a good many that that some member of right-wing some extreme or right-wing organization might have committed this atrocity I know that

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have committed this atrocity I know that in some sidewalk interviews that were done in New York this was the immediate assumption on the part of persons there and now we find that the prime suspect in the case and he is only that at the moment has an identity of association with extreme left-wing groups this is Lee Oswald 24-year old former Marine who is being questioned about the assassination of the president as well as the fatal shooting of a Dallas policeman a short time later so it will be some time before we know about that and we have cancelled all of our programs this evening so that we might keep you abreast of the developments as they continue to occur and it goes without saying that everything really is simply in the state of shock and all we're trying to do now is be around and see this as it happens and and take you there not in any sense of morbid curiosity but to because we know that you would want the witnesses these events the president's plane is it's on its way to Washington should be arriving there shortly there is this about this sort of thing as staggering and as cataclysmic as it is it is it is humbling in its own way it makes us all realize our own mortality and what humans we are and it is safe enough to say certainly it can be said by those who

remember the death of President Roosevelt that this afternoon wherever you were and whatever you might have been doing when you received the word of the death of President Kennedy that is a moment that will be emblazoned in your memory and you will never forget it as um as long as you live I I think you're right Frank I can recall only one other occasion which I underwent a similar experience it was on a transport ship which had just docked in Saipan Harbor in April of 1945 when I learned that then President Roosevelt had died and I think I can remember how the harbor smelled and how high the Sun was and where the clouds were and everything else and certainly today will be as

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else and certainly today will be as indelibly dug into my mind as that morning was its own it's a shocking thing and it's just simply unbelievable could have happened perhaps we should remind you again that the people of the Soviet Union have been advised of the passing of or the assassination of President Kennedy there has been no official reaction beyond a telephone conversation between unbraid Gromyko and the American ambassador to Russia why Kohler and he expressed his profound shock and regrets and said that the official a reaction of the Soviet government would be forthcoming shortly but all the other major all the other leaders of the major nations of the world have been heard from they try as best as anyone can to express their feelings at a time like this the the important part is simply that some gesture is made and that they try and in whatever way they can to let you know their own sense of law so that they understand that the would be profound shock on the part of the American people who will realize the laws more keenly than anyone else George Meany who was president of the afl-cio S on a telegram to President Lyndon Johnson pledging him the full support of the nation's biggest labor organization many also sent a telegram of condolences to mrs. Kennedy the top official of the afl-cio learned of the assassination of President Kennedy while he was driving from Washington or driving to Washington from New York where he had presided at this week's afl-cio convention which was addressed on the last week by May President Kennedy though there must be in all of this some forward motion even in the initial moments of shock even as President Lyndon Johnson the moment he was sworn in to succeed John Fitzgerald Kennedy turned to someone on Air Force one the presidential plane and said I think it was all right let's get this plane to Washington that may sound brusque it may sound somewhat cold but

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brusque it may sound somewhat cold but it is indicative that the affairs of the country the running of the government must go forward but it is a continuing process and certainly there are people who with no malice with no cold-bloodedness will be sitting in places all over the country and trying to determine exactly what impact this man's death will have on the future of this country on the future of both political parties and indeed on the future of the world on its hopes for for peace they will recall the the strength with which mr. Kennedy faced up to the Russian threat in Cuba they will wonder if we have other men who have the same strength more strength less pain it's a it's a shocking thing when when the prow of the country as it were is suddenly removed from the ship and then another takes its place we at NBC have canceled all of our regular programming for the day so that we may bring you whatever news there is whatever details there are of this crisis in our government and we will continue with our coverage in a moment but right now we pause for station identification we are back now basing on an operation here at NBC in New York bringing you live reports from all over the country indeed from all over the world on this momentous day when we have lost the President and had another one installed in about four or five minutes if the plane is on schedule Air Force One is expected to land at Andrews Air Force Base just outside Washington on the plane will be the body of President Kennedy will be President Lyndon Johnson mrs. Johnson mrs. Kennedy President

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mrs. Johnson mrs. Kennedy President Johnson is expected to have something to say at the airport to the American people there has been no public quotation from him as you get understandably even as the rest of the nation mr. Johnson is trying to assemble his thoughts trying to accustom himself to what has happened

to the country and to him he will officially move into the actions of being president later this evening he will meet at the White House with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara presidential advisor McGeorge Bundy who was so very close to President Kennedy will also meet with mr. Johnson and following that meeting there will be a meeting with a bipartisan congressional delegation the leaders from both parties will come to the White House and undoubtedly it's simply a question of saying there may be political differences between us but we are all Americans and we will all work together for what we feel is best for this country Frank just to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington and Robert Abernathy of NBC News we are at Andrews Air Force Base waiting for Wayne you arrived there I never allowed many people you're on a bigger several thousand people waiting for them we arrived at Andrews there and the great going up through the pop art here

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made the flight back from Dallas when coming here Garrett and are there cabinet officers diplomats Senators Congressmen come out here in the dark and honor guard now walking up to the tail of the presidential jet promoting airport space the irregular honor guard that usually dispatches the president as well as welcomes him when he returns to Washington an army helicopter has just landed it's making a great deal of noise what you see is a special truck that has been moved up to the rear of the presidential yet special truck on which the coffin when they run out a helicopter is standing by just near the presidential death to take the coffin away the men are now struggling with the casket it appears to be the casket struggling to get it out of the plane

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the bright shiny casket glistening in the lights here at the airport basket is a dark brown and colors slightly ready it looks as if it's bronze the honor guard slowly marches away leaving room for like apparatus that is now not being Lord khoka star the every this is coming down now but maybe ambulance is being brought up just near the truck which lowers the casket from the play it is our understanding here that the body will be flown by helicopter from here possibly to Bethesda Naval Hospital have reported that the body will be taken by helicopter straight to the White House there is some of opinion as to the exact plans

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behind the casket miss mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy to her right is her brother-in-law the Attorney General Robert Kennedy they are helping air down out of that area that has just brought down the casket mrs. Kennedy is apparently getting into the ambulance Rene the ambulance with the casket it was a very steep step that she had to jump down to get on the floor aids helped her doing who's helped also by her brother-in-law the Attorney General Robert Kennedy Lady Bird Johnson are standing just near the door in the that way thing mrs. Lyndon Johnson is holding the new president ham when Amy ambulance moves off with the casket

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the ambulance is going to the other side of this airport supposed to deliver the casket to the helicopters that are moving past the guard of honor accorded of soldiers airmen lining the field here is behind them thousands of young Airmen from Andrews Air Force Base who have come here up to the fence to see serviceman comes down the steps of the airplane new President Lyndon Baines Johnson with his wife lady Berg they're coming down the steps they are followed by Johnson aides including mrs. carpenter mr. bill moyers former congressman Homer Thornberry the head of the Secret Service on the president's right secretary McNamara and other officials reading the new president as he moves now in the direction of an army helicopter that was secretary McNamara I think they just leaned over and affectionately kissed mrs. Johnson

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we have heard that Lyndon Johnson the new president was going to make a speech here tonight on arrival the microphones are set up he appears to be walking toward them now these microphones are just about four feet back from a encased area for the press this is a sad time for all people we have suffered a loss that cannot be waived for me it is a deep personal tragedy I know that the world shares the sorrow that mrs. Kennedy and her family there I will do my best that is all I can't do I asked for your help and gods

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the president walks away he's greeted by Republican Senate leader Everett Dirksen of Illinois Duren Humphrey the Democratic whip of the Senate also talking to it President Johnson has called a meeting of the leaders of both parties both houses of Congress to meet with him at the White House tonight at 7:50 senators precisely when the funeral anybody ought to go to Boston he said he did not feel president is still talking with leaders of the Senate mrs. Maureen Mansfield is there with Senator Mansfield the Democratic Senate leader mrs. Mansfield was weeping before as for many of the women who came out here to the airport the office of protocol tells us that almost every embassy in town called the State Department today to find out the plans so that they could be here when the plane arrived at Andrews Air Force Base Johnson is moving towards the army helicopter for the flight to the White House where he has a meeting scheduled tonight with secretary McNamara and McGeorge Bundy other officials shaking

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McGeorge Bundy other officials shaking hands now with bill moyers one of his aides who was with him during the campaign and who has been with him and most of his activities for the past several years one of the people who came out here with Senator Aiken who said I'm just beginning to realize what happened President Johnson needs our help chief of protocol and your Biddle Duke was out here meeting President Lyndon Johnson this entire ceremony here has been hastily improvised telephone circuits all plans put together very quickly the Secret Service handled all the arrangements of the late president's body and the arrangements for President Lyndon Johnson's arrival the air force base itself the Air Force handled all the many other details that were necessary at a time like this the helicopter berry new President Lyndon Johnson is about to take off now the army helicopter preparing to

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now the army helicopter preparing to take off the rotors beginning takeoff for the short flight from Andrews ATS Air Force Base outside Washington to the South Lawn of the White House in downtown Washington inside the helicopter you can see a talking and animated very concentrated conversation with new President Lyndon Baines Johnson is his wife Lady Bird who is always at his side has been with him his long road up the political ladder from the days he started out from Stonewall Texas the honor guard is now disappearing from the field press dignitaries are moving away the plane the presidential plane the United States of America it bears no other insignia but that there the baggage is being taken off a silly pack now the 55 year old Lyndon Baines Johnson this is on his way to the White

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Johnson this is on his way to the White House the first time he will enter the White House as president bless the arrival in Washington the body of the late President John F Kennedy and president lyndon b johnson president johnson walked off the aircraft rather slowly his wife beside him he walked up to a cluster of microphones and said this is a sad time for all people speaking of the death of the president he said it's a loss that cannot be weighed called a deep personal loss then President Johnson said I will do my best that is all I can do I ask for your help and gods that is all he had to say we are told but the president's body which was removed from the aircraft first casket placed in the naval ambulance will be taken to the Fez de Naval Hospital and that tomorrow the president's body will lie in the East Room of the White House there are no announced plans for any public viewing of the president's body there will be none tomorrow members of the family top officials and the government members of Congress and members of the diplomatic corps will go to

the White House tomorrow at specified times to pay their respects to the late John F Kennedy President Johnson is on his way to the White House now later this evening he will meet with defense secretary McNamara with McGeorge Bundy the presidential advisor and then with the leaders of both parties from the house and the Senate or discussions he was met at the airport by members of Congress and the Mansfield was there as was Senator Dirksen the Republican leader in the Senate President Johnson

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leader in the Senate President Johnson looked extremely severe extremely shaken by what he had gone through as did his wife mrs. Johnson standing by his side as he spoke his first public words as president of the United States the 30 36 president he had been sworn in only about two and a half to three hours earlier by a federal judge in the executive suite of the aircraft in which he arrived in Andrews Air Force Base and the executive Air Force One sworn in his wife and mrs. Kennedy and as many White House aides as could be crowded into that sweep looking on as federal judge Sarah Hughes administered the oath of office to Lyndon Baines Johnson and so events which started swiftly completely unexpectedly and shockingly in Dallas only a matter of about five hours ago have have done virtually full circle the president and the late president are in a sense back home back in the nation's capital the business of running and governing this nation will go on Frank the helicopter is now on its way to the White House this recent innovation in the United States procedures involving the chief executive it's carrying the new president of the United States from Andrews Air Force Base to the White House where he will now fill out the remainder of john f kennedy's term the term will expire January 20th 1964 there is at a time like this a thirst for detail if everyone wants to know and reasonably so every facet of every part of the story while fully cognizant that no amount of detail will satisfy because the simple brutal shop of the of the incident itself is what is compelling the attention and coming as it did and

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the attention and coming as it did and in a remote part of the country not not in the sense of being so terribly far away but where the normal of facilities that are available to whine our staff and crew are strained to their utmost all arrangements of course have had to be improvised and we are not we're not aware of all the details of the incident as yet nor are we fully informed on what will transpire from this point on the simple fact is the President of the United States has been shot and assassinated and the new President of the United States is Lyndon Baines Johnson the body has been returned to Washington the new in Washington is on his way to the White House at this moment he will meet later in the evening with the Democratic leaders of Congress we can expect that for the next two or three days we will be kept abreast of of what is happening and that within hours they will have managed to get themselves in position in Washington where the where the transition could be made as smoothly as possible the former vice president Richard Nixon is among those who have made some comment on the from the president's death today mr. Nixon said the assassination of the president is a terrible tragedy for the nation mrs. Nixon and I have sent a personal message expressing our deepest sympathy to the members of the family in this hour of sorrow this is a statement from former vice president Richard Nixon there's this to Frank it's announced that the United States Navy ships and land stations throughout the world will fire salutes in tribute to President Kennedy every 1/2 hour between 8 a.m. and sunset tomorrow I imagine that would be local time wherever the ships and stations are of course the president was in the Navy during World War two flags on all ships and stations will be flown at half-staff for 30 days the navy announcement said it's rather ironic and strange that this

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it's rather ironic and strange that this man should have endured so much in World War two could have come so close to losing his life and the famous incident involving his PT boat then should come home and lose his life in Dallas Texas and in a completely unbelievable fashion a new president of the United States is approaching his residence the White House a report from there from NBC's Robert kirovsky at the White House the first of the helicopters from Andrews Air Force Base has just landed here on the South Lawn of a

White House it's about a seven-minute trip from Andrews Air Force Base to the White House Vice President Johnson President Johnson I'm sure many of us mistakable repeat that proceedeth many times president johnson will shortly emerge from the helicopter to the White House immediately after he enters the Executive Mansion he will have a meeting with Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara and other presidential advisors McGeorge Bundy president is about to step off the helicopter now President Lyndon Johnson appearing at the White House for the first time there is mrs. Johnson and the president stepping down from the helicopter walking across the South Lawn of the White House to the South portico president is now talking to his special Secret Service man previously the head of the vice presidential detail Vice President Johnson will meet with Secretary of Defense McNamara McGeorge Bundy almost immediately that a Secretary of Defense McNamara now talking to mrs. Johnson while they walk under the South portico where they will go into conference at eight o'clock this evening about an hour

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eight o'clock this evening about an hour and a half from now President Johnson will meet with the leadership Democrats and Republicans of the Congress have been reported that mrs. Kennedy was on Air Force One the presidential plane that carried President Johnson and the body of former President Kennedy from Dallas to Washington it's not yet known exactly what Vice President Johnson will do in moving to change the personnel of the White House and oddly he will cake many of a personnel who served under mr. Kennedy there are many changes that won't take place perhaps in the congressional line of action President Johnson with his broad leadership as the Senate majority leader for many years has said perhaps more experience with the Senate of the United States and the Congress of the United States then any president who has served in quite some time there's a veteran of Capitol Hill activities in the East Room of the White House beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning the body of former President Kennedy will lie in repose lie in repose as a term indicating it will be private as opposed to a public lying in state the other helicopters are now lining up the White House on the South Lawn they too are arriving from Andrews Air Force Base President Johnson and mrs. Johnson have entered the White House this is the first time they all have entered the Executive Mansion as President and First Lady of the United States they're small crowds outside the White House extra police detail the tails have been put on in case there should be many people turning out to see the new president arriving here cars are however blocking Pennsylvania Avenue they're going very very slowly they're attempting to move

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very slowly they're attempting to move cars as rapidly as possible the omitting presumably will get underway immediately this is the meeting with President Johnson and secretary Defense McNamara and McGeorge Bundy this was Robert Kowalski NBC News reporting from the White House darkness has settled on the eastern part of the United States John F Kennedy who departed the White House Thursday morning as president of the United States has returned the victim of an assassin in Dallas Texas the man suspected of having committed this offense is under arrest his name is Lee Oswald he is now being investigated and interrogated by federal and state authorities in Texas the new President of the United States Lyndon Baines Johnson has arrived with the first lady at the white house he will spend the night there all of NBC's programmes for the remainder of this evening and until further notice have been canceled in order that we might keep you completely and fully and immediately oppressed of all the developments in this tragedy expressions of regret have been heard from around the world they will not suffice the President of the United States is dead we have a new president and NBC's Chet Huntley and David Brinkley have prepared a special night event a program which we will bring you immediately following this break for station identification

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